

## Agenda for Lewisham Cyclists (LC) meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 6.30pm

LC are the local group for the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) in Lewisham. Anyone who wants to work together in support of our vision for people on bicycles in Lewisham is welcome to join our meeting. Meet other local cyclists, hear about current cycling developments in Lewisham and have an opportunity to influence our campaigns on future schemes.

**This will be an in-person meeting held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford Road, SE6 4RU**

*For the best meeting experience, we recommend you attend in-person. We also allow people to access the meeting via Google Meet, but as this will be facilitated by a single laptop it may not be easy to follow all aspects of the meeting.*

Connection details for Google Meet:

- On your computer you will need to use a modern browser i.e. Chrome, Firefox, Safari or Edge (not Internet Explorer).
- On your mobile device (iPad, iPhone or Android tablet or Android phone) you should install the 'Google Hangouts Meet' app.
- Please connect into the meeting in advance e.g. at 6.25pm as, for the benefit of all attendees, the meeting will proceed to schedule notwithstanding individual people's connection issues.
- All attendees should MUTE the microphone in their Meet session to prevent 'feedback'.
- Use the Meet 'chat' box to type in any questions for the Chair and the relevant Committee Member will respond, time permitting.

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### Agenda items

- Community Engagement & Rides. (20 mins)
  - Upcoming one-off events:
    - Car Free Days - Fri 20th Sept to Sun 22nd Sept.
      - Cold Blow Lane Community Play Street Sat 21<sup>st</sup>. 1500hrs. A free event to bring the community together in the recently pedestrianised tunnels of Cold Blow Lane with an art workshop held by a local artist, live folk music from Flogan and an LC Dr. Bike.
      - Jane is leading central London Kidical Mass on Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 1100hrs. Tickets [here](#).
  - Community activity update:
    - See Appendix A.
- Topical Items. (20 mins)
  - Lewisham Council secures £2.5m to transform Riverdale Sculpture Park <https://lewisham.gov.uk/Articles/News/Lewisham-Council-to-transform-Riverdale-Sculpture-Park>
  - Future funding options:
    - LCC Lime Share the Joy fund. Register for interest now. Four rounds of funding through 2024/25. LC would need to collaborate with a local Community Group. <https://lcc.org.uk/share-the-joy-fund/>
    - ChART - Chinbrook Action Residents Team who have National Lottery funding, soon expiring. <https://chartbiglocal.org.uk/>
    - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) - Ward NCIL Revenue Grant. Apply by 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. <https://communityfunding.lewisham.gov.uk/ncil/apply/>

- TfL Walking & Cycling Grants (Community Ideas £5K 1 year; Walking & Cycling £8K 2 years). Apply by 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. <https://wcgl.london/>
  - National Lottery Awards for All. LC to reapply with additional supporting information.
- Planning for LC Annual Meeting - either March or April monthly meeting.
- Pending issues:
  - St Joseph's Vale cargo bike inaccessible barrier on LCN28.
  - Evelyn Street - local parents would like LC to assist in encouraging better 'etiquette' while using C4.
  - Proposed content for next LC 'Civi' mailout.
- Council liaison update (5 mins)
  - Any contact with Officers/Councillors/Committees/Questions to Council.
- Current consultations and planning applications (5 mins)
  - Members are encouraged to respond to these:
    - Cold Blow Lane experimental closure to enable safe walking and cycling. (Consultation closes 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025). <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/strategic-housing-and-regulatory-services/cold-blow-lane-survey/>
    - Lewisham NCIL Capital Funding (Closes 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept). Choose projects in your Ward to support including installation of additional Cycle Hangers. <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/lewishamncil/>
    - TfL Lee High Road bus priority scheme (Closes 9<sup>th</sup> Sept). <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/lee-high-road>
- Attendees News & Views. (10 mins)
  - Opportunity for attendees to raise other issues.
- Meeting closes at 8pm.

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## Appendix A

### Community Events Update August and September

1. 2 rides in August: Longer and a short local ending in South London Cycling group picnic. Longer ride ended up being full. Shorter ride not.
2. Deptford Workshop and 2 Dr Bikes in August: Grove Park Dr Bike was not that well attended. Thanks to Tim for helping out that day. Beckenham Place Park very busy - turned away some folk at the end.
3. Upcoming events: Les Robinson leading the longer ride this month. No other rides on the calendar as yet.
4. Jane away most of this month:
  - a. Seb and Orlando running the Deptford workshop with two volunteers.
  - b. Beckenham Place Park Dr Bike has been cancelled.
  - c. At the moment, Grove Park Dr Bike has been advertised as running on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. **Is there anyone to cover?** No responses from callout for extra help on the volunteer website. **Decision needs to be made at this meeting and GPYC informed if no cover plus cancelling publicly** (it's already been advertised on the Coopers Lane

Bike bus WhatsApp.) It will also need covering on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October as Jane is on her first aid course then.

5. Cold Blow Lane play street event. Jane will run a Dr Bike at this event on 21st September (see details in Agenda).
6. London-wide Kidical Mass: Jane is leading this one. IBike London coordinating and organising it alongside the Kidical Mass people (see details in Agenda).
7. Scouts session: Forster Park Monday 23rd September 18.00 to 21.00 Michael McDermott, contact for Holbeach School Parents Committee is also Scout Leader. Contacted us due to us working with them at Holbeach.
8. Public Community Liaison Meeting for community stakeholders re Deptford High St to which we have been invited. In Deptford Lounge on Thurs 26th September 18.30 to 19.30. **Can someone make this meeting?** I would have gone but leave on the sleeper that evening and it would just make all my timings way too tight for my anxious travelling self.
9. Debrief Meeting held on Dunwich Dynamo with Hugh Bolton, Gareth Evans from Southwark Cyclists.
  - a. They are going to discuss the van packing issues with Hamiltons (removal company) as they provide the packing team. They will feedback our comments and hope to get some assurances that those issues will be addressed and will communicate back to us.
  - b. Happy for us to research tagging the bike trucks, make any purchases for which they will refund us. They did say they personally think there is a rental scheme by which you can hire tracking devices. Airtags don't work as well on a moving object as its not a GPS system. Have advised that we should research a hire scheme for proper GPS tracking devices which are much more effective for moving objects. **Could someone take this on as I don't have the time?**
10. Lewisham Family Cycling Library (LFCL): This has pretty much been non-operational since the April handover. We just don't have the volunteer capacity to run it in its present form, irrespective of whether we have funding for it or not. There are some alternative ways of running a reduced LCFL model which we may well be able to sustain. I suggest we **arrange a meeting as soon as possible of committee members, plus any interested volunteers**, to discuss and sort.
11. This has become especially important as early this week the Scouts informed me they can no longer afford to keep the Scout Hut running and **it will be closing at the end of 2024. So we have a very tight deadline in which to remove everything we have there.** I'm making representations to them to forego our outstanding rent in the light of all the money we have spent on the place and the fairly short notice. And they are arranging a meeting with the council which they would like me to attend as well, to discuss the future of the hall. But the most likely, in fact I would say, certain, scenario for the immediate and foreseeable future is that we have to move all our stuff to the garage in Grove Park. Starting now, really. I did expect this would be the eventual outcome but wasn't expecting it quite so soon. I thought we'd have another year at least. But, it is what it is and we need to really think very clearly about how we are going to work next year, what we can do and who exactly is going to deliver it. And set that out clearly, in writing so everyone knows exactly what is happening when and who is responsible.